

Diocese of Broken Bay Under the Pastoral Care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2008

22nd February 2026, First Sunday of Lent

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Third Sunday of each month by appointment
Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice
Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday: 8:30am
Anointing of Sick: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am or by request
Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction
Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am
Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:30am)



Stations of the cross
Fridays 7:30 during Lent
26 Feb, 6 Mar, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar.

Sunday 22nd Feb. 2pm
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara
Rite of Election

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd Feb.
Presentation of reconciliation candidates at any mass

Every Second Thursday of the month
Anointing of the Sick 9 am

During term time
Every Monday
Divine Will Prayer Group
Mon 10-11:30am & Tue 7-8.30pm
Every Friday
Lectio Divina
10am

Fr. Sunny's Bible Study
Every Thursday 7:30 pm at Church

Every Sunday at 10am Mass
Children's Liturgy
Morning tea after mass

Every Second Sunday of the Month
Morning tea after 8am mass
February 22nd



At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.
(Gospel)

Dear parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

All religions and cultures have a sacred story that describes the beginning of the world. Most begin with everything being good and then things go wrong. Our story is that of the garden of Eden. Adam and Eve did not listen to the word of God. They listened to the serpent instead and turned away from God. However, their disobedience was overcome when God's promise of salvation was fulfilled. Jesus came in the name of God and lived by the word of God thus showing an obedience that Adam and Eve lacked. In the Gospel today Jesus has just been baptised and affirmed as the beloved Son of God so he goes into the desert to discern what this could really mean. His identity and relationship with God are challenged but he listens only to God and trusts in the truth of God's word. Today's readings encourage me to take time to listen more deeply to God's word, to face the truth of my identity and my relationship with God. Is my relationship with God being tested? Where do I notice the grace of God keeping me strong? I pray that I may fix my eyes more and more on Jesus as Lent progresses.

May God bless you,

Fr Greg

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Lenten Penance

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:
fast and abstinence for ages 18-59

Other Fridays:

- some act of charity
- some extra prayer/ mass
- some fast or penance of choice

Readers Needed

We are currently looking for readers to assist at the Saturday Vigil and the Sunday 5 pm mass. Please let the parish office know or put your name down on the sign up sheet in the church foyer if you are able to help. Thank you for your generosity and support.

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP

A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish.

Thursday 26th February
10am in the Parish Hall
Angela 0405 507 982



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

FEAST DAYS FEBRUARY/ MARCH

SUN 22ND FEB. FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
TUE 17TH MAR. ST. PATRICK, BISHOP, SOLEMNITY
THU 19TH MAR. ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SOLEMNITY
WED 25TH MAR. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD,
SOLEMNITY



Serra Weekly Vocations Prayer Calendar.
Please pray for those in formation or
already serving the Church

23/2	Fr Stephen Wayoyi AJ
24/2	Fr Rosan Mathew
25/2	Br John Verhoeven
26/2	Fr Tomy Kuruvellil Ouseph CFIC
27/2	Fr Baby Thomas CFIC
28/2	Fr Raul Balute SOLT
1/3	Fr Teody Medina SOLT

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it. Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COLUMN

World Social Justice Day

World Day of Social Justice 2026 was observed on Friday, 20 February, with the theme 'Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps for Social Justice.' This year's theme recognises that social justice cannot be achieved without inclusion. Widening social and economic gaps continue to marginalise individuals and communities worldwide, limiting access to housing, education, healthcare and dignified work. Empowering inclusion requires governments, institutions and communities to listen closely to those who experience exclusion firsthand and to design responses that address structural inequality. When policies are shaped by lived experience, they are more likely to close gaps than deepen them.

Social justice is realised not through one-size-fits-all solutions but through approaches that recognise diverse needs, circumstances and vulnerabilities. Grassroots initiatives that promote skills training, entrepreneurship and local leadership are required. Communities empowered to solve their own challenges are far more resilient and sustainable than those that rely solely on external interventions and financial aid. On World Day of Social Justice 2026, we are reminded that bridging gaps is both a moral responsibility and a collective task. Through inclusive vision and deliberate action, a more just and equitable society is possible.

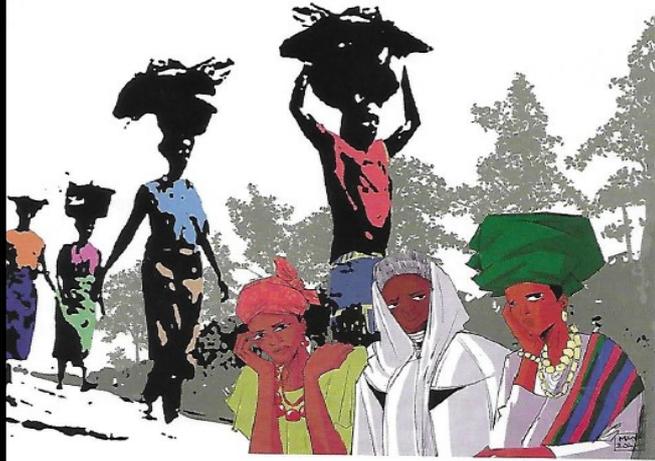
Source: [World Day of Social Justice 2026 - Sisters of Saint Joseph](#); [Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps for Social Justice - WPDI : WPDI](#)



World Day of Prayer 2026

Nigeria

'I will give you rest: Come'



www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

World Day of Prayer 2026

Friday 6th of March

4pm-5pm

St John's

754 Pacific Highway, Gordon

Prayer Zone



Anniversary:

Helen Griffen-Foley

Please pray for the ill:

Margot Hallaran; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle Soumier; Gracie Spencer; Brendan Stone.

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let Daniela or Davina know.

ASCEND

IGNITE CONFERENCE 26

<p>HOSTED IN AND SUPPORTED BY THE DIOCESE OF DARWIN DARWIN 19-21 JUNE 2026</p>	<p>HOSTED IN AND SUPPORTED BY THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY SYDNEY 9-12 JULY 2026</p>	<p>HOSTED IN AND SUPPORTED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE BRISBANE 24-27 SEPTEMBER 2026</p>
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Reminder

CATECHIST SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026

We celebrate our annual Catechist Sunday Commissioning on **Sunday, 1 March at the 10am Mass**. This is the one time each year our catechists are formally commissioned and prayed for by the parish community.

At this Mass, we will also be presenting two awards to: Petty Bahramali for a Level 1 Certificate and Bryan Freer for a Level 2 Certificate, in recognition of their faithful and generous service.

We warmly invite you to join us as we recognise and support this largely unseen but vital ministry. Your presence is a wonderful sign of encouragement and unity as we begin the year together.





You are invited to
the annual

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, 5 April 2026 |
after the 10am Mass
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075



PALM Sunday

As we prepare to celebrate Palm Sunday, we are looking for large palm fronds to help decorate the church.

If you have any palms that you would be willing to donate, please let the office know as soon as possible. Your generosity will help make our worship space beautiful for this special celebration.

Thank you for your support



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

There will be a nationwide Holy Hour on Sunday, 1 March 2026. Every parish in the country is encouraged to hold an hour of Eucharistic Adoration following Mass on that Second Sunday in Lent.

However, we will celebrate this nationwide Holy Hour at our regular Saturday morning Mass on Saturday

28 February 2026 at 9am.

Fr Robert Borg has provided a simple guide for the Worship of Eucharist from Mass, which would be of assistance to those preparing for Holy Hour on the 28 February. For more information check eNews or BBNeighbourhoods. This can be found via the link on eNews.

WHY WE DO The Things We Do

WHY DO WE HAVE THE CATECHUMENATE?

When people enter your home for the first time, it is hospitable to welcome them! In simplest terms, this is the idea behind the Catechumenate.

The Catechumenate is the process of initiation through which people are baptised Christians. After a period of preparation, the *catechumens* are baptised, confirmed and receive the eucharist at the Easter vigil. A period of further catechesis follows. Various smaller rituals are celebrated at points along the overall journey.

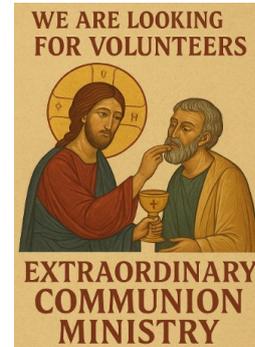
In the early Church, initiation was a joyous celebration of the immersion of the newly baptised into the Christian community. Over the centuries, however, the communal orientation of this process died out. Until recently, more often than not, 'converts' slipped into the Sunday pews unannounced, uncelebrated.

In 1972, under the name *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, (R.C.I.A.) the ancient Catechumenate was revived as the norm for adult baptism. Its introduction has challenged parishes to develop a greater spirit of welcome and celebration involving the whole parish community in the way it relates to enquirers and newcomers. The Catechumenate today is gradually becoming an established part of parish life.

We are urgently looking for volunteers to join the Extraordinary Communion Ministry for Sunday mass at 10am and 5 pm.

If you would like to be included in a roster to give the Eucharist under both kinds on weekend masses, please let the office know or kindly leave your details on the sheets in the church foyer.

Formation will be provided.



formed.org subscription - should we continue with it?

We presently have a subscription to formed.org but it is quite expensive and we need to justify its use. The yearly subscription runs out in the near future. We would appreciate your feedback by letting the office know. If you are regularly using it please contact the office by the 8th of March by phone or email. Thank you.



*Is there more to
life than this?*

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

Starts: Wed, 11 February 2026
Where: Corpus Christi Parish Hall
263 Mona Vale Road
St Ives 2075
Time: 7:00-9:15pm

Scan here for
more
information



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register for
Alpha



For more information contact Jen Perrott @jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au

The Divine Will Group

CORPUS CHRISTI, ST IVES

What does it mean for God's will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven?

The Our Father, the most perfect prayer of Christianity, taught by Jesus to his apostles. The profound teachings of Jesus to the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta regarding 'Living in the Divine Will' are encompassed in this prayer.

Our group prays, has discussion and learns together about the key concepts and foundational truths related to living in, and possessing the Divine Will of God.

We meet weekly during school term

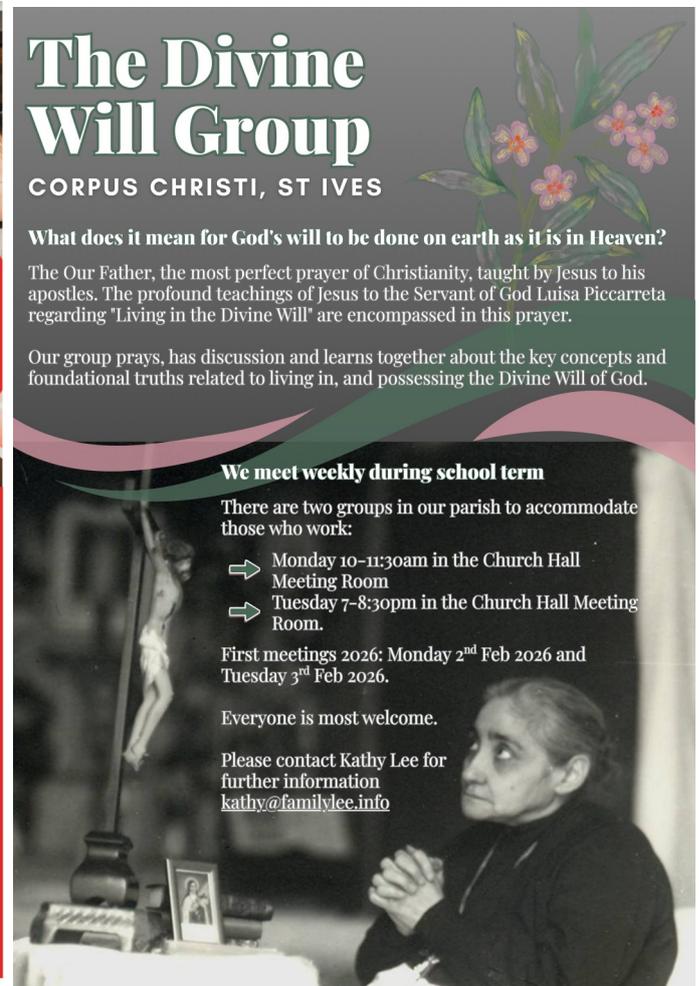
There are two groups in our parish to accommodate those who work:

- ➔ Monday 10-11:30am in the Church Hall Meeting Room
- ➔ Tuesday 7-8:30pm in the Church Hall Meeting Room.

First meetings 2026: Monday 2nd Feb 2026 and Tuesday 3rd Feb 2026.

Everyone is most welcome.

Please contact Kathy Lee for further information
kathy@familylee.info



CORPUS CHRISTI ST. IVES PARISH

to farewell
Fr Greg, Fr Sunny, Fr Gerard
&
to welcome
The New Priests

FAREWELL LUNCH

19th April 2026 @ 11.45am.

THE EPPING CLUB

45 Rawson St., Epping

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3 course meal, beverages, tea & coffee)

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or by calling 9144.6998

If you have dietary requirements, please advise when purchasing ticket

PARKING: - limited club underground parking
- council carpark next to club
- street parking

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First Sunday of Lent
21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



**UNITE AGAINST
POVERTY**

this Lent

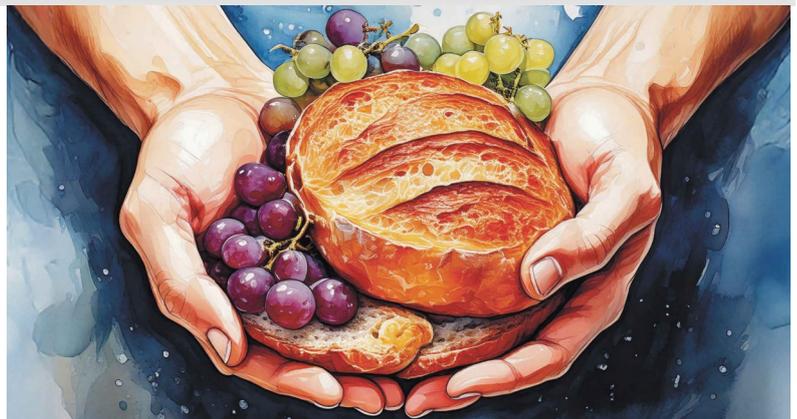
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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



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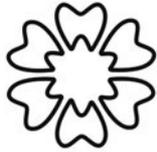
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The Word

Sunday 22nd February 2026: First Sunday in Lent

Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

From the book of Genesis Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. *(R.)*

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. *(R.)*

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *(R.)*

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. *(R.)*

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 5:12,17-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.